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SUBJECT: INTERIM STAFFING OF USREP OFFICE RIYADH

1. STATE AND TREASURY DEPARTMENTS CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF USREP OFFICE IN RIYADH URGENT MATTER. WITH VIEW TO GETTING OFFICE INTO OPERATION SOONEST, TREASURY PROPOSES TO STAFF OFFICE ON INTERIM BASIS WITH PERSONNEL FROM ITS OFFICE OF SAUDI ARABIAN AFFAIRS, PENDING ASSIGNMENT HOPEFULLY BEGINNING EARLY IN JULY OF PERMANENT PERSONNEL. INTERIM STAFF WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING OFFICE SPACE SUITABLY EQUIPPED, FURNISHED, SUPPLIED AND OTHERWISE USABLE; ARRANGING FOR TEMPORARY TRANSIENT QUARTERS; ESTABLISHING PURCHASING, ACCOUNTING, INVENTORY, AND OFFICE PROCEDURES; IRONING OUT ANY ARISING LEGAL PROBLEMS; INTENSIFYING SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL HOUSING; AND ASSISTING THE VARIOUS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS EXPECTED TO BE IN SAUDI ARABIA DURING THE JUNE THROUGH AUGUST PERIOD.

2. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF TDY INTERIM STAFFING, WHICH HAS BUILT-IN OVERLAPS, WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS: MAY 23-JUNE 6 MOSER; MAY 30-JUNE 15 MCFADDEN; JUNE 6-22 HAPPEL (LEGAL); JUNE 6-22 VISNICK (COMPTROLLER; JUNE 6-22 KOSOBAYASHI;
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JUNE13-22 BOWDEN; JUNE 20-END AUGUST HAYES; JUNE 27-

JULY 11 POUNDS; JULY 4-18 ROSEN; JULY 11-25 BAZARIAN;

JULY 18-AUG 1 WOODWORTH.

3. REQUEST THIS PROPOSED SCHEDULE BE FORWARDED TO MACARTHUR IN RIYADH FOR HIM TO DISCUSS WITH DR. MANSOOR AL-TURKI AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SAUDI OFFICIALS. IF THEY HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS SCHEDULE FURTHER REQUEST THAT MACARTHUR AND ZIEGLER ARRANGE TO ACCOMMODATE TRAVELERS FOR PERIODS INDICATED. THEY SHOULD CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF USING PART OF OFFICE BUILDING TO BE ACQUIRED FOR HOUSING AT LEAST SOME OF TRAVELERS AS WELL AS APPROACHING LOCKHEED AGAIN IF THEIR SPACE AVAILABLE.

4. WE WOULD EXPECT MOSER TO MEET WITH EMBASSY STAFF IN JIDDA BEFORE PROCEEDING TO RIYADH AND OTHER SENIOR MEMBERS OF OFFICE OF SAUDI ARABIAN AFFAIRS TO TRAVEL TO JIDDA FROM RIYADH DURING THEIR STAY TO BRIEF EMBASSY ON DEVELOPMENTS.

5. TREASURY WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS SOONEST AND WOULD WELCOME ASSIGNMENT TO RIYADH OF TEMPORARY DUTY PERSONNEL FROM EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION TO HELP INTERIM STAFF SORT OUT START-UP PROBLEMS. KISSINGER

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